

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1113
ANSWERED ON:21.08.2007
EMPLOYMENT IN HANDLOOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of persons employed in handloom sector, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (b) the provisions for loan assistance under various handloom schemes;
- (c) the details of the funds released and the number of beneficiaries under the above schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;
- (d) whether there is any separate provision for scheduled tribes rural areas under these schemes;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) As per the Joint Census of Handlooms & Powerlooms 1995-96, 65.51 lakhs persons are engaged in weaving and allied activities of Handloom sector. Statement showing the State-wise number of persons engaged in the weaving and allied activities in Handloom sector is at Annexure.

(b) Assistance provided under the various schemes to the handloom weavers and agencies is in the form of Grant-in-aid and not in the form of loan.

(c) Does not arise.

(d)to(f):The handloom sector is wholly weaver oriented, with the majority of workers belonging to the poorest and marginalized sections of the society. Thus, the various schemes implemented by the Office of Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles for the welfare of handloom weavers and development of handloom sector are weavers vocation oriented and not community specific in view of the very nature of the activity undertaken in this sector.

Annexure Statement referred to in reply to part (a) of the Lok Sabha Un-Starred Question No.1113 for 21.08.2007.

S.No Name of the State No. of persons engaged in Weaving
(Weavers) & Allied Activities

1	Andhra Pradesh	490616
2	Arunachal Pradesh	53473
3	Assam	2322268
4	Bihar	110732
5	Chattisgarh	28362
6	Delhi	6708
7	Goa	25
8	Gujarat	57936
9	Haryana	22810
10	Himachal Pradesh	65099
11	Jammu & Kashmir	51847
12	Jharkhand	56975
13	Karnataka	177562
14	Kerala	63153
15	Madhya Pradesh	27744
16	Maharashtra	80901

17	Manipur -	462087
18	Meghalaya#	#
19	Mizoram#	#
20	Nagaland	126228
21	Orissa	246782
22	Pondicherry	7369
23	Punjab	13160
24	Rajasthan-	71915
25	Sikkim	1228
26	Tamil Nadu	607675
27	Tripura	291761
28	Uttar Pradesh	401362
29	Uttaranchal	19322
30	West Bengal	686254

Total All India 6551354

Data not received from Meghalaya and Mizoram No separate figures available relating to number of weavers in respect of Sikkim